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- Assoc. for Childhood Ed.**

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"THE IMPACT OF THE LIBRARY SERVICES ACT—PROGRESS AND POTENTIAL"

Some seventy-five representatives from state library agencies across the nation attended a three-day institute on the Library Services Act jointly sponsored by the Graduate School of Library Science of the University of Illinois and the Library Services Branch of the U. S. Office of Education. The conference was held at Allerton Park, Illinois, November 5th through November 8th.

The conference was particularly timely since the first five years under the Library Services Act are complete and the new five-year program authorized by Congress is just beginning. The program of the institute offered an opportunity for a comprehensive evaluation of the Library Services Act to date and for a forecast of the next five years in the terms of its effect upon governmental agencies and thinking, library development, and the library profession as a whole at national, state, and local levels. Discussions at the institute encompassed the whole range of programs, problems, successes, failures, and the course of future thinking and planning represented in the experience of the participants. Dr. Lowell Martin, whom South Carolinians will remember as having been the consultant for the South Carolina Library Association on library development, was the keynote speaker. Among other speakers were Dr. Phillip Monypenny, Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois, and Director, ALA Survey of State Libraries.

South Carolina's LSA Program came in for some special attention and conference registrants heard a full discussion of the Junior Intern Program and In-service Training Program being conducted by the South Carolina State Library Board as a part of the plan for the use of LSA funds in South Carolina.

NEW OFFICERS OF SCLA

Jessie Hamm, Head, Cataloging Department, McKissick Library, University of South Carolina, was elected president of the South Carolina Library Association at the annual meeting, November 3-4, in Charleston. Mrs. William Foran, Children's Librarian, Richland County Public Library, is the vice-president and president-elect. Jane Wright, Winthrop College, was re-elected treasurer and Frances B. Reid, Field Service Librarian, South Carolina State Library Board, is the newly elected secretary.

1962 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

"Read—and Watch Your World Grow!" is the theme of National Library Week in 1962.

An illustrated brochure on NLW promotion aids may be obtained by sending a postcard to Promotion Aids, National Library Week, P. O. Box 700, Great Neck, New York.

WARRANT SIGNED TO RETRIEVE OVERDUE BOOK

The Spartanburg Public Library is using law enforcement to retrieve overdue books.

Librarian George Linder said Tuesday he signed a warrant Monday charging Ned Keith High of Inman with failure to return Wallace's "History of South Carolina," Volume I.

Linder said if books are not returned after a 15-day notice is sent to the borrower, it is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or 30 days imprisonment.

—The (Columbia, S. C.) State, December 6, 1961

"GREAT BOOKS" FOR THE BLIND

Reading selections for Great Books discussion groups, years one through eight, are available to the blind on request from Recording for the Blind, Inc., 121 East 58th Street, New York 22, New York. They are supplied free of charge but must be mailed back to Recording for the Blind, by free postage, after use. Recordings are embossed and play only at the speed of 16 2/3 r.p.m. They can be played on any Talking Book Machine (Model d or later) supplied free to the blind by the Library of Congress, or may be played on any commercial machine which has a speed of 16 2/3 r.p.m. and a micro-groove needle.

LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT TO GENERAL ELECTRIC

"When General Electric seeks a site for a new manufacturing unit, it makes a detailed analysis of what different communities have to offer. A community that lacks a good public library is given little consideration.

"Paul R. Thomson, Employee and Community Relations Manager, makes that clear:

'In the selection of a plant location there are many factors to be considered. Some of the primary considerations are such things as available land sites, transportation, power, water, etc., connected with the actual requirements of the plant facility.

Beyond these tangible considerations are many of a less tangible nature. For instance, in the case of our plant, because of the high complement of professional personnel and college-trained employees, such facilities as an adequate library with a progressive program became a factor for serious consideration."

—Libraries of Florida—October, 1961

LIBRARIANS COMING AND GOING

Accepts Spartanburg Position

Frances B. Reid, who has been Field Service Librarian for seven years, has resigned from the staff of the State Library Board to become Head of the Extension Department of the Spartanburg Public Library. Her resignation is effective December 13.

Miss Reid will be succeeded by Betty E. Callaham, who joined the staff of the State Library Board in July upon her graduation from Emory University of Librarianship where she held the Tommie Dora Barker Fellowship. She has been working in the various departments of the State Library Board to familiarize herself with all the phases of the statewide program. Prior to entering library school, Miss Callaham taught history and was chairman of the Department of Social Studies at Hanna High School, Anderson, S. C.

Library Director Attends Governor's Conferences

Josephine Crouch, Director, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, attended the statewide Traffic Safety Conference sponsored by the Governor, the State Highway Department, and the South Carolina Highway Safety Committee and the Third Annual Governor's Conference on Business, Industry, Education, and Agriculture.

Charlotte Conference

Betty E. Callaham and R. Bryan Roberts, S. C. State Library Board consultants, visited the Charlotte and Mecklenburg County Public Library on November 9. They conferred with Mae Tucker, Head of Public Services, to gather information to improve business reference services in South Carolina.

Visitor From North Carolina

Mrs. Elizabeth House Huey, State Librarian, North Carolina, visited the South Carolina State Library Board on November 17. Mrs. Huey was on her way to visit five other state libraries in the Southeast and Southwest.

BOOKS—THE IDEAL GIFT

At the request of the program chairman of one of the Greenville community clubs, Margaret Mahon, Children's Librarian, and Mary Cox, Head of the Extension Division, Greenville County Library, prepared a list of books for gifts at Christmas and on other occasions.

The list, Books—The Ideal Gift, includes adult and juvenile titles and has been made available to other clubs on request. Each book shop in Greenville received a copy, and the books were stocked—and the first supply exhausted.

AROUND AND ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

Beaufort County

Members of the board for the newly created Beaufort County Library have been appointed. At a meeting on November 21, the following officers were elected: Larry Rogers, Hilton Head, president; Mrs. F. W. Scheper, Beaufort, vice-president; and Mrs. Nils Christensen, Beaufort, secretary. Other members of the board are: Edith Inglesby, Bluffton; Mrs. Nannie Sherman, Frogmore; Rivers L. Varn, Beaufort.

Fairfield County

The Fairfield County Library has organized a fine films study group which will begin its season on December 5, 1961. Members studying the motion picture technique as a fine art will view seven monthly film classics representative of five nations and spanning a period of more than forty-five years. Among the films selected are John Ford's The Informer (U. S.), Eisenstein's Potemkin (Russia), Clair's Under the Roofs of Paris (France), and the Italian film, Open City.

Greenwood County

Members of the new board of the Ninety-Six Branch, Greenwood City and County Library are: Dr. L. A. Schneider, Bill McDaniel, Mrs. W. J. Calhoun, Margaret Gaillard, O. M. Porter, and Mrs. John Drummond.

Greenville County

The Mauldin Branch of the Greenville County Library was opened on November 27.

Laura Smith Ebaugh, Furman College Faculty, has been named county chairman of National Library Week.

Marlboro County

Garden Clubs of Bennettsville are operating a Garden Information Center in an attractively renovated section of the Marlboro County Library.

Stories for grades one through three are told at the Marlboro County Library every Saturday at ten. Mothers are contributing time and talent to make the newly inaugurated Story Hour a success.

Newberry County

The Newberry-Saluda Regional Library is again on the Canadian Film Circuit. Three colored films of various running times are available for two months when there is an exchange of films.

The Jaycees presented a 50-star flag to the Whitmire Branch, Newberry-Saluda Regional Library.

Spartanburg County

The Spartanburg Public Library held a two-day exhibit of one hundred key business reference books from the South Carolina State Library Board's interlibrary loan and reference collection. R. Bryan Roberts, Reference Consultant for the State Library Board, provided commentary on the books in an evening and a morning session (November 15 and 16). Those attending the exhibit were given a bibliography which describes more than fifty books helpful to the small business. Information on how to secure these books and others on interlibrary loan was also provided.

EXTENSION LIBRARIANS COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION?

Librarians: Important. Please consider the proposal outlined in the following letter from Mrs. Catherine W. Wetterling, Secretary, New Jersey County Librarians' Conference to Miss Walker. Send your opinion to Estellene P. Walker, Director, S. C. State Library Board, 1001 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., by January 2, 1962.

The New Jersey County Librarians Conference has requested me to approach your State Agency regarding the possibility of a petition from county and regional librarians to the Executive Board of A. L. A. for the purpose of establishing a Committee within the Public Library Association for extension librarians.

Several of us in New Jersey are dissatisfied with the general structure of P. L. A. and believe that there are other regional and county librarians throughout the country who would like to have an opportunity to meet together for the purpose of exchanging special information and new ideas rather than being a part of the larger group whose meetings are usually so general.

We have approached Miss Eleanor Ferguson, P. L. A. Executive Secretary, regarding this problem and Miss Ferguson has pointed out that a petition to the Executive Board, such as was done by the circulation librarians could result in the establishment of such a Committee if there were enough petitions. Therefore, the New Jersey County Librarians Conference are asking you to circularize this idea within your State and if your group feels as we do, will you send the original to Mr. Hamill, President, P. L. A., Los Angeles Public Library and 20 copies to this office for inclusion in the Board of Directors' docket for the Mid-Winter Meeting.

ALA MEMBERSHIP DAY

The annual ALA Membership Day, February 16, will stress the strengthening of this professional organization.

All libraries, librarians, trustees, and users of a library's services are invited to join the American Library Association so they may aid in its growth in services and influence.

Librarians are urged to emphasize the responsibility each one in the profession has toward supporting professional organizations on local and national levels.

Attractive leaflets outlining the ALA operation and the advantages of membership, membership application forms, and posters are available on request from Membership Promotion Office, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

LONELY INADEQUACY

The beginning of progress for libraries is the willingness to do an honest job of self-evaluation and to face existing limitations. Then a decision can be made as to which is more important—to do a lonely job inadequately or to join with others to do it well . . . Each time officials of a small public library fail to reach out to joint action with other libraries, readers in the locality suffer.

———— Oregon State Library "Letter to Libraries," July, 1959

GOALS FOR AMERICANS

Goals for Americans, a program "to preserve and enlarge our own liberties, to meet a deadly menace, and to extend the area of freedom throughout the world," is being supported by the American Library Association.

The President's Commission on National Goals was appointed in January, 1960, and the American Assembly, a non-partisan educational institution, was requested to administer the Commission.

The report of the Commission sets up Goals at Home and Goals Abroad and assesses the nation's ability to reach these goals.

Librarians and trustees can make an important contribution to community understanding of the objectives and issues presented in Goals for Americans. The first step is a study of the report itself. Goals for Americans: Program for Action in the Sixties is available from Prentice-Hall, \$3.50; Spectrum, \$1.00 (paper).

Suggestions are available for organizing and holding discussion groups. The Discussion Leader's Guide and Suggestions and Agenda for Holding a Local Assembly on National Goals are available, free on request, from the American Assembly, Columbia University, New York 27, New York.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I have been reading your column for several years with a great deal of interest and believe that you will not object to a letter from a Yankee admirer. I feel that I must warn my brother Yankees not to trust too much to appearances, Southern appearances, that is. Five years ago I was persuaded by the fragile appearance of a head librarian to come South to lead the natives out of their wilderness and to be on hand to take over her job when she collapsed from a surfeit of lemonade. My romantic illusions of magnolias, lazy days, moonlit nights, decayed aristocrats, dependent womanhood and ladies' club libraries were soon shot to you know where. They may look helpless, but they are about as helpless as foxes. Why, the two elderly ladies who run our bookmobile drive that monster all day, get in at four p. m. fresh as daisies, eager for the fun of serving a turkey dinner at the church that evening! I don't see how the North ever won the war; just watching these Southerners at work exhausts me and the spectacle of the Confederates fighting ought to have been enough to have laid the Yankees to rest forever. If there is a secret behind their strength, it is that they don't know they are working. They seem to think they are "having fun"!

I don't know why I stay down here, but I expect it is because I am so "wore out" by the end of the day I lack the strength to write a letter of application elsewhere. And then there is a morbid fascination in watching that fragile chief librarian constantly on the job, constantly working, constantly having fun . . . and flourishing like the green bay tree. She out talks me, out works me, out thinks me and outwits me! It is too late to rescue me, but maybe this warning will save other young Yankees from planning to come South for a leisurely way of life.

Disillusioned

Dear Disillusioned:

I detect a note of happiness in your sad letter which makes me think you are glad you came South. You didn't expect to find Melanie Wilkes running the libraries down here, did you? The O'Haras took over long ago and if you remember Scarlet was not exactly the type to languish in the shade of the magnolias. Maybe if you eat enough Hoppin John and collard greens, you'll develop the stamina to take the fast pace of Southern life.

WRITE FOR THESE

Combined Book Exhibit (950 University Avenue, New York 52) offers free upon request single copies of the 1961 edition of "Book Ways to the World", an annotated, graded book list for children and young people.

Doubleday and Co. (575 Madison Ave., New York 22, Att: Betsy Beilenson) is offering a color print, suitable for framing from Marguerite de Angeli's A Pocket Full of Posies and Book of Nursery and Mother Goose Rhymes.

Farrar, Straus and Cudahy (19 Union Sq. West, New York 3, Att: Clare Costello) is offering a 6" x 9" photograph of the famous Arabian horse Wudiyeh from their book Drinkers of the Wind. (only a limited supply are available.)

Hastings House (151 East 50th St., New York 22) have available for 2-week loan a handsome 5' x 3' blow-up from Barbara Cooney's Little Juggler. Libraries wishing to borrow this should include in their request three preferences as to dates.

Alfred A. Knopf (457 Madison Ave., New York 22, Att: Borzoi Books) offers in quantity a bookmark featuring ten new Fall books.

Rand McNally (P. O. Box 7600, Chicago 80, Ill., Att: Mr. Conroy V. Erickson) offers a booklet "Rand McNally Makes a Map" showing the preparation of an atlas. Single copies available on request.

Tangley Oaks Education Center (801 Green Bay Road, Lake Bluff, Ill., Att: Victoria Johnson) offers two reprints from the American Educator Encyclopedia: "Storytelling" by Sara Fenwick and "Children's Literature" by Virginia Haviland. Single copies are available free to teachers and librarians. There is a charge for quantities.

Viking Press (625 Madison Ave., New York 22, Att: Junior Books) offers two bookmarks, one showing the Caldecott Medal and listing the Viking books that have won it. The other does the same for the Newbery Medal.

Whittlesey House Books for Young People (McGraw Hill Book Co., 330 W. 42nd St., New York 36) offers assorted bookmarks and advertising jackets.

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